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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Eight Ministers.

" (*b*) One Minister who hails from the Malabar district visited it five times, the previous Public Works Minister three times and a third Minister twice. The rest visited only once.

" (*c*) Three Ministers made joint visits. Two of them visited twice jointly. The third Minister visited the project jointly with one of the other two once."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, the total amount of travelling allowance that has been paid to the Ministers concerned? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" May I know if as a result of all the troubles taken by the Hon. Ministers to visit this place the project has been completed even now? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The project is expected to be completed at the end of 1954; Ministers' visits do not complete projects."

AN HON. MEMBER :—" What was the purpose served by these visits? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Ministers should get themselves acquainted with the projects that are being executed."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister wanted notice in regard to my question asking for information concerning the amount of travelling allowance paid to Hon. Ministers but I may inform him that I put a question for eliciting information in this regard but it has been returned to me saying that it is not a matter of public concern, which perhaps means that moneys from public treasuries can be spent and squandered like this. If he guarantees that my question will be admitted, I will address another question again."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know if Ministers are visiting the projects in order to delay the completion of the projects? "

Applications for subsistence loans in Penukonda taluk.

* 719 *Q.*—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state what was the number of subsistence loan applications in Penukonda taluk when the Government stopped paying subsistence loans?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The number of applications for subsistence loans which were pending in Penukonda taluk when the disbursement was stopped was 2,800."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" In view of the fact that the ryots have been driven to bad straits now will the

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Government be pleased to extend and continue the grant of subsistence loans till at least the next harvest season so as to enable them to get on with their cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government will consider the grant of other kinds of loans but not the subsistence loans."

Construction of a causeway across the Puthige river, Kasaragod taluk.

* 720 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any resolutions from various panchayat boards in Kasaragod taluk sanctioning contributions for the construction of a causeway across the Puthige river in Kasaragod taluk;

(*b*) if so, what is the aggregate amount so sanctioned; and

(*c*) when the Government will carry out the work and whether they will contribute the balance necessary for the construction of the said causeway?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the Government would encourage the panchayat boards which sanctioned contribution from their funds by way of financial aid to neighbouring boards to construct causeways and bridges which would also cover their needs, and would the Government contribute at least six times the amount so sanctioned by the panchayat boards? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Government give grants to district boards and the panchayats may negotiate with the district board and get on with the construction of their bridges."

Labour schools run by the Harijan Welfare Department.

* 721 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri P. Venkatasubbiah, who put the question, is not in his place. The question and answer will therefore be printed in the proceedings."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Labour schools run by the Harijan Welfare Department in the State of Madras; and

(*b*) the number of wells dug and the number of public latrines built for the use of Harijans in the State of Madras?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) At present 1,367 Harijan Welfare schools are being run by the Harijan Welfare Department.